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METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR PREPROCESSING A

DOCUMENT TO RENDER ON AN OUTPUT DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a non-final office action dated May 2, 2005 ("Third Office Action") in which the Examiner objected to certain claims and rejected the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) and obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. On September 1st, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing the rejection. The Examiner discussed an amendment to independent claims 1, 15, and 29 that the Examiner indicated would likely distinguish the claims over the cited art. Applicants made the discussed amendment and submit that all the pending claims are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein. Applicants further canceled claims 12, 26, and 40. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections with respect to the amended claims and submit that all pending claims 1, 2, 4-11, 14-16, 18-25, 28-30, 32-39, and 42 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.